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SUBJECT US LABOR ATTACHES CALLED CIA AGENTS

SUMMARY: IN NON-STORY BY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AUTHOR
PUBLISHED IN DANISH NEWSPAPER MARCH 10, US LABOR ATTACHES
IN EUROPE ARE CALLED CIA AGENTS AND DESCRIBED AS MAJOR
CHANNEL FOR MOVEMENT OF CIA FUNDS TO TRADE UNION LEADERS,
POLITICIANS AND, MORE RECENTLY, THROUGH EUROPEAN SOCIAL
DEMOCRATS, TO PORTUGAL AND FINLAND. STORY HAS PRODUCED
NO REACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AUTHOR JON VEDEL PUBLISHED AN
ARTICLE IN THE LEFT-LEANING INTELLECTUAL DAILY
INFORMATION MARCH 10 CHARGING THAT US LABOR ATTACHES IN
EUROPE HAVE BEEN VEHICLES FOR INFLUENCING POLITICIANS
AND TRADE UNION LEADERS IN EUROPE AFTER WORLD WAR II.
STUDENT REFERS TO ARTICLES OR REPORTS BY THOMAS BRADEN
AND RICHARD BISSEL, BUT APPEARS TO RELY MOST HEAVILY
FOR HIS INFORMATION ON OLD WASHINGTON POST STORIES AND
BOOK BY GEORGE MORRIS CALLED "CIA AND AMERICAN LABOR".

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2. VEDEL IMPLIES THAT LABOR ATTACHES, AMONG THEM WALTER GALENSON, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS A LABOR ATTACHE IN DENMARK IN "THE POST-WAR YEARS", HAD ACCESS TO CIA FUNDS AND SUPPORT TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON LABOR LEADERS AND POLITICIANS. VEDEL ALLEGES THAT DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARIAN (AND GOOD FRIEND OF EMBASSY), KNUD DAMGAARD WAS MIDDLE MAN HELPING GALENSON AND OTHER LABOR ATTACHES IN DENMARK IN CONTACTS WITH TRADE UNION AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH SPECULATION REGARDING HOW TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM WEST EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES TO PORTUGAL AND FINLAND WAS EFFECTED AND ASSERTS CIA WAS BEHIND IT ALL.

3. COMMENT: NON-STORY IS REHASH OF ANTIQUE ARTICLES ON ACTIVITIES OF IRVING BROWN, MATHEW WOLL, JAY LOVESTONE, ETC., AND AFL-CIO AND ICFTU CONNECTIONS WITH CIA. MARCH 11 DANISH PRESS DID NOT MENTION VEDEL ARTICLE AND NEITHER EMBASSY NOR USIS HAS RECEIVED ANY INQUIRIES CONCERNING IT.
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